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WPD/SCSO Computer Crimes Unit helps start local chapter of High Technology Investigator's Association

In a continuing quest to partner with private and other government agencies, the Wichita Police/Sedgwick County Sheriff's Forensic Computer Crime Unit recently helped start a local chapter of the High Technology Crime Investigator's Association (HTCIA).

"We believed that we had enough interest for a local chapter, so we made it one of our goals. We contacted local corporate security and other law enforcement agencies, and it's now all come to fruition with a new local chapter," said Detective Randy Stone, WPD Forensic Computer Crime Unit.

"It's a very diverse group and the membership includes individuals whose positions range from police detective to director of industrial security to college professor. Each individual brings his/her experience and training to the association so that everybody can benefit from it," said Detective Stone.

Detective Shaun Price, WPD Computer Crimes, said that the Association addresses a myriad of topics during their meetings – all related to high tech crime. "We share

information and train on everything from Internet fraud and financial crimes, to how to monitor for network intrusion (hackers), to biometrics," said Detective Price.

The Association meets monthly resulting in better communication between corporate security and law enforcement. The exchange of information and ideas, along with the networking opportunities, helps increase the likelihood of successful investigations and prosecution of computer-related crimes, said Detective Stone.

The membership of the local chapter includes a cross-section of local, state and federal law enforcement, corporate security, academia and private sector. Members include representatives from: Wichita Police Department, Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office, Derby Police Department, Ellis County Sheriff's Office, Office of the District Attorney for the 18th Judicial District, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Secret Service, US Attorney's Office, Spirit Aerospace, Bombardier, Koch Business Solutions, USD 259, Butler County Community College, Transportation Security Administration, Raytheon, Wiebetech, Business Computer Centers and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation.

The High Technology Crime Investigation Association (HTCIA) is designed to encourage, promote, aid and effect the voluntary interchange of data, information, experience, ideas and knowledge about methods, processes, and techniques relating to investigations and security in advanced technologies among its membership. (from the HTCIA website www.htcia.org)

For more information on the local chapter of HTCIA, please contact Detective Randy Stone at 337-6375 or Detective Shaun Price at 337-6124.